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**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2001, said period of response being extended from December 25, 2001 to March 25, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$920.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.  
Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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